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PREFACE.

DEAR CHILDREN,

ALREADY in the year 1769, when conferring in our Synod, about those things which might be an advantage to you, it was looked upon as necessary, to collect the chief passages of the holy scriptures for your instruction. This is now done by our dear brother Samuel Lieberkuhn, to whom it was committed, and we now put this collection into your hands, for your use.

The chief points of which the texts treat, are first mentioned, and then short positions are drawn from these portions of scripture; and these are always placed before the texts, that you may see what point you are particularly to attend to in the texts themselves.

We make no doubt, that this little book will be very welcome to you, for it

contains, in a small compass, the doctrine of Jesus and his apostles, which is nothing but truth, wisdom, power, and life. You find in it, the council and will of God concerning your salvation, and the only way to eternal life.

If you, which we hope will be the case, become rightly acquainted with it, and not only fix the words of this little book in your memories, but treasure them up in your hearts, they will become a light to your path, till you have finished your race happily.

Till then, we wish that your hearts may ardently love our Lord and Saviour, who loves you so unspeakably, that he gave his life, and shed his blood for you, for the remission of sins. He is with us alway, even to the end of the world. He loves the children in a particular manner, is willingly engaged with them, attends to their cries and prayers, and it is the joy of his heart to do them good, and to bless their souls and bodies.

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We wish you a heart deeply bowed, and full of reverential awe, but at the same time, a childlike, tender, and confident heart to our dear Father in heaven, who is so graciously disposed towards you, that he gave his only begotten Son, even into death for you, to the end that you might have eternal life through faith in him. Thus you will serve him without fear, and it will be of great importance to you, to pour out your hearts daily before him, and that you may pray boldly and with all confidence unto him, as dear children ask something of their dear father.

We also wish you an attentive and faithful ear to the voice of the Holy Ghost, who is very desirous to make your hearts his temple and habitation, when he shews you your poverty and corruption, when he glorifies in your hearts, Jesus Christ as the Saviour of all men, and especially of them that believe; when he bears witness with your Spirits that you are the children of God, and cries, Abba, Father, in you; when he brings to your remembrance the words of Jesus, leads you into

all truth, and teaches you to do according to his good pleasure.

Take then this little book, thank our blessed Saviour childlikely for it, make use of it to the benefit of your hearts, abide in the doctrine of Jesus and his apostles, live in the enjoyment of all the good he has purchased, at so great a price for you, and may your body and soul rejoice in God our Saviour.

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SUMMARY, &c.

1. THE doctrine of Jesus contains in it the will of God concerning our salvation.

2. This doctrine is found in the holy scriptures, and chiefly in the books of the New Testament.

3. These books were written by the apostles and disciples of the Lord, being particularly moved by the Holy Ghost, and under his guidance and assistance.

The Spirit of Truth—dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14. 17.

Receive ye the Holy Ghost. John 20. 22.

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14. 26.

When the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth. John 16. 13.

We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. 1 Cor. 2. 13.

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4. The books of Moſes and the prophets are called the Old Teſtament. 2 Cor, 3. 14.

5. The Old Teſtament contains

a) The hiſtory of the creation of the world, and the firſt of the human race.

b) The hiſtory of the people of God, the children of Iſrael.

c) The word of God to that people.

d) Prophecies of Jeſus Chriſt and his kingdom.

Ye ſearch the ſcriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which teſtify of me. John 5. 39, 46.

We go up to Jeruſalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man, ſhall be accompliſhed. Luke 18. 31.

All things muſt be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moſes, and the prophets, and in the Pſalms concerning me. Luke 24. 44.

6. The ſcriptures of the Old Teſtament were alſo given by the inſpiration of God, and written for our inſtruction.

All ſcripture is given by the inſpiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for inſtruction in righteouſneſs. 2 Tim. 3. 16.

Whatſoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the ſcriptures might have hope. Rom. 15. 4.

Holy

Holy men of God ſpake as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt. 2 Pet. 1. 21.

I.

Of GOD the CREATOR of all Things.

1. THERE is one God who created all things by Jeſus Chriſt, Eph. 3. 9. Jeſus Chriſt is therefore the Creator of all things.

Becauſe that which may be known of God is manifeſt in them; for God has ſhewed it unto them. For the inviſible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly ſeen, being underſtood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead*; ſo that they are without excuſe. Rom. 1. 19, 20.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1. 1.

See the firſt and ſecond chapter of Geneſis.

All things were made by him [the Word, Jeſus Chriſt] and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1. 3.

By him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, viſible and inviſible, whether

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* Dr. Luther's verſion is, That there is a God is manifeſt to men; for the inviſible eſſence of God, that is, his eternal power and Godhead are clearly ſeen, being perceived by the things that are made, namely, the creation of the world.

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they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him and for him. Col. 1. 16. See Heb. 1. 2.

Of the Son it is said: Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands. Heb. 1. 10.

The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. Psalm 14. 1.

2. God is a Spirit.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in Spirit and in truth. John 4. 24.

He is

a) Eternal, without beginning or end.

I am the First and I am the Last. Isa. 44. 6.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Psalm 90. 2.

Unto God, the King eternal, be honour and glory for ever and ever. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

b) Almighty.

Our God is in the heavens; he hath done whatsoever he pleased. Psalm 115. 3.

He spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33. 9.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. Psalm 135. 6.

With God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1. 37.

c) Omnipresent.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven,

heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermoſt parts of the ſea, even there ſhall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand ſhall hold me. Pſalm 139. 7—10.

Am I a God at hand, ſaith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himſelf in ſecret places, that I ſhall not ſee him? ſaith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? ſaith the Lord. Jer. 23. 23, 24.

He is not far from every one of us; for in him we live and move and have our being. Acts 17. 27, 28.

d) Omniſcient.

O Lord, thou haſt ſearched and known me. Thou knoweſt my down-ſitting, and mine up-riſing. Thou underſtandeſt my thoughts afar off. Thou compaſſeſt my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knoweſt it altogether. Pſalm 139. 1—4.

Lord, thou knoweſt all things. John 21. 17.

e) Allwiſe, who knows how to do every thing in the beſt manner.

To God only wiſe be glory through Jeſus Chriſt for ever, Amen. Rom. 16. 27. S. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

O the depth of the riches, both of the wiſdom and knowledge of God! Rom. 11. 33.

f) Holy and righteous.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. Pſalm 145. 17.

Be ye holy, for I am holy. 1 Pet. 1. 16.

He will render to every Man according to his deeds. Rom. 2. 6.

g) Good

g) Good and Merciful.

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-ſuffering, and abundant in goodneſs and truth, keeping mercy for thouſands, forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſion and ſin. Exod. 34. 6, 7. S. Numb. 14. 17, 18.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, ſlow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Pſalm 103. 8.

God is love. 1 John 4. 16.

h) True.

The word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth. Pſalm 33. 4.

All the promiſes of God in him [Chriſt] are yea and in him Amen. 2 Cor. 1. 20.

3. God upholds and governs all things.

He, the Son, upholdeth all things by the word of his power. Heb. 1. 3.

He, the Son, is before all things, and by him all things conſiſt. Col. 1. 17.

God left not himſelf without witneſs, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven and fruitful ſeaſons, filling our hearts with food and gladneſs. Acts 14. 17.

The Father maketh his ſun to riſe on the evil and on the good, and ſendeth rain on the juſt and on the unjuſt. Matt. 5. 45. See Pſalm 104. 14. Pſalm 145. 15, 16. Pſalm 47. 8, 9.

Are not two ſparrows ſold for a farthing? and one of them ſhall not fall on the ground without your Father. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many ſparrows. Matt. 10. 29.

II.

Of the IMAGE of GOD.

1. GOD created man in his own image.

God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeneſs. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him. Gen. 1. 26, 27.

2. The image of God, or the likeneſs to God, conſiſted in the knowledge of the truth, and in righteouſneſs and true holineſs.

Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge, after the image of him that created him. Col. 3. 10.

Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteouſneſs and true holineſs. Eph. 4. 24.

III.

Of the univerſal Corruption by Sin.

BY the diſobedience of the firſt man, ſin entered into the world.

By one man ſin entered into the world. Rom. 5. 12.

By one man's diſobedience many were made ſinners. Rom. 5. 19.

The ſerpent beguiled Eve through his ſubtilty. 2 Cor. 11. 3. See Gen. ch. 3.

2. All men are sinners. They are not only inclined by nature to evil, and incapable of good, but actually do evil, and leave undone that which is good.

That which is born of the flesh [sinful man] is flesh [sinful]. John 3. 6.

Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Matt. 15. 19. Mark 7. 21—23.

The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Gen. 8. 21.

There is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God [the glorious image of God.] Rom. 3. 22, 23.

If we say, that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1. 10.

3. All men have deserved God's wrath and punishment, because all have sinned; and this punishment is called death.

We [converts of the Jews] were by nature the children of wrath [men deserving punishment] even as others [the Gentiles]. Eph. 2. 3.

Even when we were dead in sins, God hath quickened us together with Christ. Eph. 2. 5.

Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5. 12.

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6. 23.

IV.

Of JESUS CHRIST our Saviour.

1. JESUS Christ came into the world to save sinners.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. 1 Tim. 1. 15.

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19. 10.

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John. 4. 9.

2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the true God.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son. John 3. 16.

He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased. 2 Pet. 1. 17. See Matt. 17. 5. chap. 3. 17.

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 1 John 4. 15.

The Word [the Son of God] was God. John 1. 1.

Thomas said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. John 20. 28, 29.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isa. 45. 22. and following. See Rom. 14. 11.

As concerning the flesh, Christ came of the fathers, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. Rom. 9. 5.

This is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5. 20.

God was manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3. 16.

I am the First and the Last. Rev. 1. 17.

All men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. John 5. 23.

My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. John 5. 17.

3. Jesus Christ took upon him flesh and blood, and became a true man.

The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1. 14.

As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same. Heb. 2. 14.

Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh. 1 Tim. 3. 16.

Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man. Phil. 2. 6, 7, 8.

Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God, and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. 1 John 4. 2, 3.

4. Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy

Holy Ghoſt (by the operation of the Holy Ghoſt) and born of the virgin Mary.

The angel Gabriel ſaid unto Mary, The Holy Ghoſt ſhall come upon thee, and the power of the Higheſt ſhall overſhadow thee: therefore alſo that holy thing, which ſhall be born of thee, ſhall be called the Son of God. Luke 1. 35.

And he ſaid to Joſeph, That which is conceived in Mary, is of the Holy Ghoſt. Matt. 1. 20.

While Joſeph and Mary were in Bethlehem, the days were accompliſhed that ſhe ſhould be delivered. And ſhe brought forth her firſt-born ſon. Luke 2. 6, 7.

When the fulneſs of time was come, God ſent forth his Son made of a woman. Gal. 4. 4.

5. The child was circumciſed on the eighth day, and called Jeſus.

When eight days were accompliſhed for the circumciſing of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was ſo named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. Luke 2. 21. See Luke 1. 31. Matt. 1. 21.

6. The child grew and waxed ſtrong in ſpirit, filled with wiſdom; and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2. 40.

(The child) Jeſus increaſed in wiſdom and ſtature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2. 52.

He was ſubject unto his parents. Luke 2. 51.

And was a carpenter.

Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary? Mark 6. 3

7. He was baptized, being about thirty years of age. Matt. 3. 13—17. Luke 3. 21. and following. Mark 1. 9. and following.

8. He was tempted for our good. Matt. 4. 1. and following. Mark 1. 12. and following. Luke 4. 1. and following.

We have not an high prieſt which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without ſin. Heb. 4. 15.

Jeſus walked upon earth in the form of a ſervant, and in great poverty.

He took upon him the form of a ſervant. Phil. 2. 7.

Though he was rich, yet for our ſakes he became poor. 2 Cor. 8. 9.

The Son of man hath not where to lay his head. Luke 9. 58.

10. Jeſus Chriſt hath made known to us the will of God concerning our ſalvation.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, becauſe he hath anointed me, and ſent me to preach the goſpel to the poor. Luke 4. 18.

No man hath ſeen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the boſom of the Father, he hath declared him. John 1. 18.

How ſhall we eſcape if we neglect ſo great ſalvation? which at the firſt began to be ſpoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him. Heb. 2. 3.

11. He approved himself as a benefactor and helper.

Jesus went about doing good, and healing, for God was with him. Acts 10. 38.

As many as touched him were made whole. Mark 6. 56.

12. Jesus Christ suffered for our sins.

(See the account of the inward and outward sufferings of Jesus, from the mount of Olives to the cross.)

Christ hath suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. 1 Pet. 3. 18.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. Isa. 53. 5.

He began to be sorrowful and very heavy, and said unto his disciples, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Matt. 26. 37, 38.

Being in an agony, he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22. 44. See Heb. 5. 7.

On the cross he cried with a loud voice, saying, My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me? Matt. 27. 46.

13. He died for our sins.

Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures. 1 Cor. 15. 3.

God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5. 8.

We thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead. 2 Cor. 5. 14.

God hath made him to be sin (a sin-offering) for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor 5. 21.

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He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. He his ownself bare our sins in his own body on the tree. 1 Pet. 2. 22, 24.

14. He was buried, Matt. 27. 60. 1 Cor. 15. 3.

15. Jesus Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father. Rom. 6. 4. and rose again the third day. 1 Cor. 15. 4.

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts 2. 32.

He was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Rom. 4 25.

Who is he that condemneth? it is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again. Rom. 8. 34.

16. Jesus Christ, after his resurrection shewed himself alive to his disciples forty days, with his wounds in his hands and feet and in his side. Acts 1. 3.

Jesus shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. John 20. 20. See also verse 27.

He shewed them his hands and his feet. Luke 24. 40.

17. Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God. Rom. 8. 34.

The Lord was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. Mark 16. 19.

I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father. John 16. 28.

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He is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him. 1 Pet. 3. 22.

Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, but into heaven itself. Heb. 9. 24.

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9. 12.

He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Heb. 1. 3.

18. The prophesies of the Old Testament concerning the Messiah were fulfilled in Jesus.

The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head, and the serpent shall bruise his heel. Gen. 3. 15.

In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. Gen. 22. 18. See Gal. 3.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. 7. 14.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isa. 9. 6.

Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me: I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. Psalm 40. 7, 8.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquites. Isa. 53. 5.

They pierced my hands and my feet. Psalm 22. 16.

When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and

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the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hands. Isa. 55. 10.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Psalm 16. 10.

Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. Psalm 110. 1.

19. Jesus is the Messiah, the Redeemer, and Saviour of the world.

Jesus saith unto the Samaritan woman: I that spake unto thee, am he (Messias). John 4. 26.

John the Baptist sent and said unto him: Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again these things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them, and blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me. Matt. 11. 3—6.

The high priest said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us, whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him, I am. Matt. 26. 63, 64. Mark 14. 61, 62.

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2. 36.

We (apostles) have seen and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4 14.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4. 12.

V.

Of the FATHER and SON and HOLY GHOST.

GO ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Matt. 28. 19.

The grace of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghoſt, be with you all. 2 Cor. 13. 14.

John ſaw the Spirit of God deſcending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And lo, a voice from heaven, ſaying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleaſed. Matt. 3. 16, 17.

I will pray the Father, and he ſhall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. John 14. 16.

There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghoſt: and theſe three are one. 1 John 5. 7.

There are diverſities of gifts, but the ſame Spirit: and there are differences of adminiſtrations, but the ſame Lord. And there are diverſities of operations, but it is the ſame God which worketh all in all. 1 Cor. 12. 4, 5, 6.

To the elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through ſanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and ſprinkling of the blood of Jeſus Chriſt, grace unto you, and peace be multiplied. 1 Pet. 1. 1, 2.

VI.

Of the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

1. JESUS Christ has manifested the Father unto us. John 17. 6.

No man knoweth the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Matt. 11. 27.

2. The Father gave his only begotten Son for us. John 3. 16.

God spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all. Rom. 8. 32.

In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4. 9.

3. The Father adopts them, who believe in Jesus Christ, for his children, and is their loving Father.

I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God. John 20. 17.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3. 26

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1. 12.

Behold,

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. 1 John 3. 1.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ. Rom. 8. 16, 17.

4. The Father hath a particular care of his children.

The very hairs of your head are numbered. Matt. 10. 30. see Luke 21. 18.

Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or wherewithal shall we be cloathed? (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Matt. 6. 31, 32.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Rom. 8. 32.

VII.

Of JESUS CHRIST the SON of GOD.

1. JESUS Christ is very God. See IV. 2.

2. Jesus Christ is our Mediator, who hath reconciled us to God, and redeemed us by his blood.

No man cometh unto the Father but by me. John 14. 6.

There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all. 1 Tim. 2. 5, 6.

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20. 28.

We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. Rom. 5. 10.

God hath reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 5. 18.

It pleased *the Father*, by him to reconcile all things unto himself. Col. 1. 19, 20.

Jesus Christ is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2. 2.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 1 John 1. 29.

Such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests to offer up sacrifice; first for his own sins, and then for the people: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. Heb. 7. 26, 27.

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. Eph. 1. 7.

My blood is shed for the remission of sins. Matt. 26. 28.

Ye know, that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot. 1 Pet. 1. 18, 19.

The chastisement of our peace was upon him.—The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53. 5, 6.

3. Jesus Christ is our Advocate with the Father.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2. 1.

He is at the right hand of God, and maketh intercession for us. Rom. 8. 34.

He is able to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7. 25.

4. Jesus Christ is our Lord.

To us there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. 1 Cor. 8. 6.

To this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. Rom. 14. 9.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2. 10, 11.

5 Jesus Christ is the Original, into whose likeness we should grow,

We have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2. 16.

As he is, so are we in this world. 1 John 4. 17.

Christ has left us an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 Pet. 2. 21.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2. 5.

He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked. 1 John 2. 6.

VIII.

Of the HOLY GHOST.

1. THE Holy Ghoſt is very God with the Father and Son.

Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Matt. 28. 19. ſee Matt. 3. 16, 17.

Peter ſaid to Ananias, Why hath ſatan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghoſt? thou haſt not lied unto man, but unto God. Acts 5. 3, 4.

Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3. 16. ſee 1 Cor. 12. 4—11.

2. The work of the Holy Ghoſt is to bring men to the faith in Jeſus Chriſt, through the goſpel.

The Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he ſhall teſtify of me. John 15. 26.

When the Comforter is come, he will reprove the world of ſin—of ſin, becauſe they believe not on me. John 16. 8, 9.

No man can ſay, that Jeſus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghoſt. 1 Cor. 12. 3.

3. He dwelleth in believers, teacheth, guideth, and ruleth them.

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all truth. John 16. 13.

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Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3. 16.

Know ye not, that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghoſt, which is in you? 1 Cor. 6. 19.

As many as are led, (are ruled) by the Spirit of God, they are the ſons of God. Rom. 8. 14.

4. He is our Comforter (Helper) who maketh interceſſion for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

I will pray the Father, and he ſhall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, becauſe it ſeeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and ſhall be in you. John 14. 16, 17.

The Spirit helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we ſhould pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itſelf maketh interceſſion for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Rom. 8. 26.

5. The Holy Ghoſt is grieved when we do not give heed to his admonitions.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are ſealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4. 30.

IX.

Of the Will of GOD concerning our Salvation.

1. GOD our Saviour will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2. 4.

The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3. 9.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Ezek. 33. 11.

2. Jesus Christ died for all men, and hath purchased salvation for all.

He gave himself a ransom for all. 1 Tim. 2. 6.

He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2. 2. see 2 Cor. 5. 15.

3. But it is the will of God, that men believe in Jesus Christ, and have eternal life by faith in him.

This is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on him, may have everlasting life. John 6. 40.

This is the commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 3. 23.

He that believeth shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16. 16.

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Of Faith in the LORD JESUS.

1. FAITH cometh by hearing the gospel. Rom. 10. 17.

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. Rom. 1. 16.

2. By the preaching of the gospel, man is brought to the knowledge of his wretched condition.

When they heard this, they were pricked in their heart. Acts 2. 37.

It behoved Christ to suffer, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in the name. Luke 24. 46. see also verse 26.

3. And when a man feels true sorrow and repentance on this account, turns, in his distress, to Jesus Christ, and believes the gospel, this is called conversion, or change of mind. See Luke 24. 47.

Jesus said to Saul, I send thee unto the Gentiles, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins by faith that is in me. Acts 26. 17, 18.

Paul says, I have testified both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward (or convertion unto) God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20. 21.

4. Faith

4. Faith in Jesus is an assurance in the heart, that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, and that, for the sake of his blood and death, he forgives my sins, and gives me life and salvation.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3. 14, 15.

This is written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20. 31.

God hath set forth Jesus to be a propitiation through faith in his blood. Rom. 3. 25.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. 1 John 5. 1.

5. Faith is the gift of God, and is not a fruit of our own reason or strength.

By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of ourselves: it is the gift of God. Eph. 2. 8.

Unto you it is given to believe on Christ. Phil. 1. 29. see Matt. 16. 17. Gal. 1. 15. 16. Acts 16. 14.

Ye are risen with Christ through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. Col. 2. 12.

6. By faith we receive the forgiveness of sins, and have peace with God.

To this Jesus gave all the prophets witness, that through his name, whosoever believeth in him, shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10. 43. see 26. 18.

Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5. 1.

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7. By faith we are children of God, and heirs of eternal life.

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the ſons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1. 12.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Chriſt Jeſus. Gal. 3. 26. ſee 1 John 5. 1.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlaſting life: and he that believeth not the Son, ſhall not ſee life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3. 36.

8. Faith worketh by love. Gal. 5. 6. ſee 1 John 2. 4, 6.

XI.

Of Holy BAPTISM.

1. JESUS Chriſt hath inſtituted baptiſm himſelf.

Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt. Matt. 28. 19. ſee Mark 16. 16.

2. Baptiſm is the waſhing away and cleanſing from ſin by the blood of Jeſus.

Be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jeſus Chriſt, for the remiſſion of ſins. Acts 2. 38.

Ananias ſaid to Saul, Ariſe, and be baptized, and waſh away thy ſins. Acts 22. 16.

Chriſt loved the church, and gave himſelf for it: that he might ſanctify and cleanſe it with the waſhing of water by the word. Eph. 5. 25, 26.

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Jesus Christ washed us from our sins in his own blood. Rev. 1. 5.

3. In baptism the death of Jesus is imputed to us, so that we are made free from the guilt, the punishment, and the dominion of sin.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death. Rom. 6. 3, 4.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body. Rom. 6. 12.

4. In baptism we are also raised up with Jesus Christ to newness of life and conversation.

Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6. 4. see Col. 2. 12.

5. In baptism we attain to the fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Gal. 3. 26, 27.

God saves us by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Tit. 3. 5, 6.

Baptism is not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God. 1 Pet. 3. 21.

XII.

Of the LORD's SUPPER.

1. JESUS Chriſt hath inſtituted the holy Supper himſelf.

Our Lord Jeſus, the ſame night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his diſciples, ſaying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me. After the ſame manner alſo he took the cup, when he had ſupped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, ſaying, Drink ye all of it; this is my blood, the blood of the New Teſtament, which is ſhed for you, and for many for the remiſſion of ſins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. Matt. 26. 26, 27, 28. Mark 14. 22, 23, 24. Luke 22. 19, 20. 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24, 25.

2. Jeſus Chriſt hath inſtituted the Lord's ſupper in remembrance of his death.

This do in remembrance of me. As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do ſhew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. 11. 26.

3. The bread which we break (in the holy communion) is the communion of the body of Chriſt; and the cup of bleſſing which we bleſs, is the communion of the blood of Chriſt. 1 Cor. 10. 16.

Take, eat; this is my body. Drink ye all of it: this is my blood. Matt. 26. 27, 28.

4. By this communion we become moſt cloſely united to Jeſus, and our love towards each other is increaſed.

He that eateth my fleſh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him. John 6. 56.

We being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. 1 Cor. 10. 17.

5. By it we are anew aſſured of eteſnal life, and a joyful reſurrection.

Whoſo eateth my fleſh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raiſe him up at the laſt day. John 6. 54.

6. In order to partake worthily of the holy communion, it is neceſſary that we examine ourſelves.

Let a man examine himſelf, and ſo let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. 11. 28. ſee 1 Cor. 11. 27—32.

XIII.

Of SANCTIFICATION.

1. ALL them that believe in Chriſt Jeſus are verily ſanctified through faith by the blood of the covenant.

Ye are waſhed, ye are ſanctified, ye are juſtified in the name of the Lord Jeſus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor. 6. 11.

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The blood of Chriſt purgeth our conſcience from dead works to ſerve the living God. Heb. 9. 14.

2. It is the will of God, that they who believe in Jeſus Chriſt follow after holineſs.

This is the will of God, even your ſanctification. 1 Theſſ. 4. 3.

As he (after the example of him) which hath called you is holy, ſo be ye holy in all manner of converſation. 1 Pet. 1. 15.

Follow holineſs, without which no man ſhall ſee the Lord. Heb. 12. 14.

Bleſſed are the pure in heart: for they ſhall ſee God. Matt. 5. 8. ſee Luke 1. 74, 75. 2 Pet. 1. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

3. Believers have ſin ſtill, and remain ſinful men unto their end.

If we ſay that we have no ſin, we deceive ourſelves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1. 8.

They that are Chriſt's have crucified the fleſh, with the affections and luſts. Gal. 5. 24.

4. Sanctification conſiſts in being cleanſed from all ſin, that is, in not giving it the maſtery over us, and in growing and abounding in all good.

Having therefore theſe promiſes, dearly beloved, let us cleanſe ourſelves from all filthineſs of the fleſh and ſpirit, perfecting holineſs in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7. 1.

Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. 2 Pet. 3. 18.

Let not ſin reign in your mortal body, that ye ſhould obey it in the luſts thereof. Rom. 6. 12.

Chriſt his own ſelf bare our ſins in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to ſin, ſhould live unto righteouſneſs: by whoſe ſtripes ye were healed. 1 Pet. 2. 24.

The blood of Jeſus Chriſt, the Son of God, cleanſeth us from all ſin. 1 John 1. 7.

Every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himſelf, even as he is pure. 1 John 3. 3. ſee Eph. 5. 25, 26, 27.

Jeſus Chriſt gave himſelf for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himſelf a peculiar people, zealous of good work. Tit. 2. 14. ſee Phil. 4. 8.

5. We are to be holy in ſoul and body; we are therefore to practice temperance and chaſtity.

Ye have purified your ſouls in obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 Pet. 1. 22.

Know ye not, that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghoſt which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your ſpirit, which are God's. 1 Cor. 6. 19. 20.

Every one of you ſhould know how to poſſeſs his veſſel in ſanctification and honour; not in the luſt of concupiſcence, even as the Gentiles, which know not God. 1 Theſſ. 4. 4, 5.

Let us walk honeſtly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenneſs, not in chambering and wantonneſs. Rom. 13. 13.

Be not drunk with wine, wherein is exceſs; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5. 18.

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Take heed to yourſelves, leſt at any time your hearts be overcharged with ſurfeiting and drunkenneſs. Luke 21. 34.

6. We do not become holy by our own power, but it is a work of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15 1, 2.

Holy Father, ſanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. John 17. 17.

He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jeſus Chriſt. Phil. 1. 6.

It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleaſure. Phil. 2. 13. ſee 1 Theſſ. 5. 23.

Without me ye can do nothing. John 15. 5.

Chriſt Jeſus of God is made unto us wiſdom, and righteouſneſs, and ſanctification and redemption. 1 Cor. 1. 30.

God hath from the beginning choſen you to ſalvation, through ſanctification of the Spirit. 2 Theſſ. 2. 13. ſee 1 Pet. 1. 2. 1 Cor. 6. 11.

7. We muſt therefore abide in Jeſus Chriſt, and be in conſtant communion with him.

Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itſelf, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the ſame bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15. 4, 5.

Little children, abide in him; that when he ſhall appear, we may have confidence and not be aſhamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2. 28.

XIV.

Of the Church of JESUS CHRIST.

1. JESUS Chriſt has a church, that is, a people which believeth in him, calls upon his name, and follows his doctrine and example. See 1 Cor. 1. 2.

Upon this rock I will build my church. Matt. 16. 18.

Chriſt loved the church, Eph. 5. 25. ſee Acts 20. 28.

Ye are a choſen generation, a royal prieſthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye ſhould ſhew forth the praiſes of him, who hath called you out of darkneſs into his marvellous light. 1 Pet. 2. 9.

2. The church of Jeſus Chriſt is called the Body of Chriſt, the houſe of God, and the kingdom of Chriſt.

He gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body. Eph. 1. 22, 23.

He is the head of the body, the church. Col. 1. 18.

The houſe of God is the church of the living God. 1 Tim. 3. 15.

The Father hath tranſlated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. Col. 1. 13.

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3. The church of Jesus Christ here upon earth is a kingdom of the cross.

My kingdom is not of this world. John 18. 36.

Because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. John 15. 19.

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. Acts 14. 22. see 1 Pet. 4. 12, 13, 14. Heb. 12. 1, 2, 3.

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim. 3. 12.

4. To the church of Jesus Christ belong all men in all places, and of all nations, who have the gospel of Jesus Christ, and are obedient unto it.

By one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1 Cor. 12. 13.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3. 28.

5. Every flock dwelling in one place, that is grounded upon Jesus Christ and united in love, is also called a church of God and of Christ.

The churches of Christ salute you. Rom. 16. 16.

The church of God, which is at Corinth. 1 Cor. 1. 2.

The churches of Galatia. Gal. 1. 2. see Rom. 16. 4, 5. Philem. 2.

6. Jesus Christ is the chief Shepherd and bishop (overseer) of the churches.

Ye are now returned unto the shepherd and bishop of your souls. 1 Pet. 2. 25. 1 Pet. 5. 4.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10. 27.

7. He also appoints the churches pastors, teachers, and other servants, who are to feed the souls with the gospel, to rule the church, and be ensamples to it.

He gave some, apostles: and some, prophets: and some, evangelists: and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph. 4. 11, 12. see 1 Cor. 12. 28. Rom. 12. 7, 8.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20. 28.

The elders, which are among you, I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Pet. 5. 1—4.

8. The churches ought to love their labourers and acknowledge their services.

Know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; esteem them

them very highly in love for their works fake, And be at peace among yourselves. [with them. Luther's version]. 1 Thess. 5. 12, 13.

Let the elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 1 Tim. 5. 17.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account: that they may do it with joy and not with grief. Heb. 13. 17.

9. The churches ought frequently to meet together, and be edified with the word of Christ.

And as Sunday especially is set apart in the christian church, for the remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ: they ought likewise to employ this day to this purpose.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3. 16.

The believers continued daily with one accord in the temple. Acts 2. 46.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another. Heb. 10. 25.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18. 20.

10. The Congregations ought to endeavour to propagate the gospel of Jesus among all nations.

Go ye and teach all nations,——and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28. 19, 20.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16. 15.

Ye shall shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 1 Pet. 2. 9.

11. The first church was at Jerusalem and consisted of Jews.

12. After the gospel of Jesus was preached to other nations, many churches were planted among the Gentiles, and the believers were called christians. See Acts 15. 14. chap. 11. 26.

13. In the time following was a great departing from Jesus Christ, both in doctrine and practice, in the christian churches.

14. But Jesus Christ has at all times had his church, and will have a church to the end of the world.

I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28. 20.

Upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16. 18.

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Of the ANGELS.

1. THE angels are ſpirits, who were created by Jeſus Chriſt. Col. 1. 16.

2. A whole hoſt ſinned with their prince againſt their Creator: theſe are the devil and his angels.

The devil was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, becauſe there is no truth in him. John 8. 44.

The devil ſinneth from the beginning. 1 John 3. 8.

God ſpared not the angels that ſinned. 2 Pet. 2. 4. ſee Jude verſe 6.

3. The holy angels miniſter unto their Creator, and execute his commands.

Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Matt. 6. 10.

Thouſand thouſands miniſter unto him. Dan. 7. 10.

Bleſs the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in ſtrength, that do his commandments. Pſalm 103. 20.

4. They miniſter eſpecially unto the children of God, alſo unto little children.

Angels are all miniſtring ſpirits, ſent forth to miniſter for them who ſhall be heirs of ſalvation. Heb. 1. 14. ſee Pſalm 34. 8. Pſalm 91. 11, 12.

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Their (the children's) angels do alway behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 18. 10. see Acts 5. 19. ch. 10. 3. ch. 12. 7. Dan. 6. 22.

5. Satan hath obtained dominion over men by sin, and worketh in the unbelievers.

I send thee unto the Gentiles, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan unto God. Acts 26. 17, 18.

The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ should shine unto them. 2 Cor. 4. 5. see Eph. 2. 2. 2 Tim. 2. 26.

6. He endeavours to draw believers away from Christ, but can prevail nothing, if they remain faithful.

Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat. Luke 22. 31.

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith. 1 Pet. 5. 8, 9.

He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 1 John 5. 18. see 2 Thess. 3. Eph. 6. 10—17.

7. The devil and his angels have still to expect their judgment.

Everlasting fire is prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25. 41. see Matt. 8. 29.

XVI.

Of the Death and Departure of Believers to the LORD.

1. IT is appointed unto men once to die. Heb. 9. 27.

Death paſſed upon all, for that all have ſinned. Rom. 5. 12.

2. The body of man goes to corruption, but the ſoul continues to live.

Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the ſoul. Matt. 10. 28. ſee Luke 20. 37, 38. Luke 16. 19—31.

3. The ſouls of believers ſhall be with Chriſt.

To-day ſhalt thou be with me in paradiſe. Luke 23. 43.

Lord Jeſus, receive my ſpirit. Acts 7. 59.

I have a deſire to depart, and to be with Chriſt. Phil. 1. 23. ſee Heb. 12. 23.

4. Death is gain to believers.

To me to live is Chriſt, to die is gain. Phil. 1. 21.

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. Rom. 14. 8.

We are willing rather to be abſent from the body, and to be preſent with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5. 8. ſee Luke 2. 29.

XVII.

Of the Appearing of JESUS CHRIST, and the Reſurrection of the Dead.

1. THERE is a time, when Jeſus Chriſt will come and appear.

This ſame Jeſus, which is taken up from you into heaven, ſhall ſo come, in like manner as ye have ſeen him go into heaven. Acts 1. 11.

Our converſation is in heaven, from whence alſo we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Phil. 3. 20.

There ſhall be ſigns in the ſun, and in the moon, and in the ſtars;—and then ſhall they ſee the Son of man coming in the clouds. Luke 21. 25, 27. Matt. 24. 29, 30.

2. The time and hour knoweth no man, but he will come unexpectedly.

Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Matt. 24. 36.

Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Ver. 42.

Therefore be ye alſo ready: for in ſuch an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. Ver. 44.

3. All the dead ſhall riſe, and be raiſed up by Jeſus Chriſt.

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves ſhall hear his (the Son of man's) voice, and they

shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5. 28, 29.

I have hope towards God, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust. Acts 24. 15. see Rev. 20. 12, 13.

We know, that he which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall also raise us up by Jesus. 2 Cor. 4. 14.

If the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you; he that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies, by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Rom. 8. 11.

I am the resurrection and the life. (He that raiseth up the dead.) John 11. 25. see John 6. 40.

4. The dead in Christ shall rise first, and they who are alive at the coming of Christ, shall be changed.

This we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thess. 4. 15, 16, 17.

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits, afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end. 1 Cor. 15. 22, 23, 24.

Behold, I shew you a mystery, We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 1 Cor. 15. 51.

XVIII.

Of the General JUDGMENT of the World.

1. JESUS Christ is the Judge of Quick and Dead.

He was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. Acts 10. 42.

God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man, whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17. 31.

God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ. Rom. 2. 16.

The Father judgeth no man; but hath committed all judgment unto the Son. John 5. 22.

The Father hath given the Son authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. John 5. 27.

2. All men must appear before the judgement-seat of Christ.

We shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. Rom. 14. 10.

We must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 2 Cor 5. 10.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon

upon the throne of his glory, and before him ſhall be gathered all nations. Matt. 25. 31, 32.

3. Jeſus Chriſt will judge in righteouſneſs, and render to every man according to his deeds. Rom. 2. 6.

As many as have ſinned without law, ſhall alſo periſh without law: and as many as have ſinned in the law, ſhall be judged by the law. Rom. 2. 12.

He will take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the goſpel. 2 Theſſ. 1. 8. ſee Luke 12. 47. Matt. 16. 27. 1 Cor. 4. 5. Matt. 11. 21, 22, 23, 24.

XIX.

Of everlaſting Life and Damnation.

1. ALL that believe in Jeſus Chriſt, ſhall have everlaſting life.

Verily, verily, I ſay unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that ſent me, hath everlaſting life, and ſhall not come into condemnation; but is paſſed from death unto life. John 5. 24. ſee John 3. 18.

This is the will of him that ſent me, that every one which ſeeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlaſting life: and I will raiſe him up at the laſt day. John 6. 40.

My ſheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I will give unto them eternal life. John 10. 27, 28. ſee John 3. 36.

This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 1 John 2. 25.

2. They shall ever be with the Lord Jesus Christ, and see his glory, and partake of it.

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25. 34.

Where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. John 12. 26.

Father, I will, that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory. John 17. 24.

Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know, that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 1 John 3. 2.

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Rom. 8. 17. see Matt. 13. 43.

3. The bodies of believers shall be glorified.

He shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phil. 3. 21.

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 1 Cor. 15. 44. see 2 Cor. 5. 1. Rev. 7. 16, 17. chap. 21. 4.

4. They, who hold the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1. 18.) and who do not believe

lieve in Jesus Christ, shall go away into everlasting punishment.

He that believeth not, shall be damned. Mark 16. 16.

Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.——And these shall go away into everlasting punishment. Matt. 25. 41, 46.

Tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doth evil. Rom. 2. 9.

XX.

Of the COMMANDMENTS of GOD.

ALL the commandments are comprised in these two:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matt. 22. 37, 39, 40. Mark 12. 30, 31.

The end of the commandment is charity (love), out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned. 1 Tim. 1. 5. see Deut. 6. 5. Lev. 19. 18.

A) Of love to God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. We ought to love God, because he first loved us.

We love him; becauſe he firſt loved us. 1 John 4. 19.

Chriſt loved the church, and gave himſelf for it. Eph. 5. 25.

The love of God is ſhed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghoſt. Rom. 5. 5.

If any man love not the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, let him be anathema (under the curſe). 1 Cor. 16. 22.

2. The love of God is not in them that love the world.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2. 15.

The carnal mind is enmity againſt God. Rom. 8. 7. ſee James 4. 4.

3. The love of God ſprings from faith, and is united in the cloſeſt manner with faith.

Hold faſt the form (the ſhort abridgment) of ſound words, which thou haſt heard of me in faith and love in Chriſt Jeſus. 2 Tim. 1. 13.

4. The love of God is attended with a conſtant joy in the Lord.

Whom having not ſeen ye love; in whom, though now ye ſee him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unſpeakable and full of glory. 1 Pet. 1. 8. ſee John 15. 11.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I ſay, Rejoice. Phil. 4. 4. chap. 3. 1.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my ſoul ſhall be joyful in my God. Iſa. 61. 10.

5. Love

5. Love to God evidences itself,

a) In our having no other gods before him, and not taking his name in vain. See Exod. 20. 3, 7.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. 1 John 5. 21.

b) In our walking in the fear of the Lord, being obedient to him, and carefully avoiding every thing that is displeasing to him.

The churches were edified and walked in the fear of the Lord. Acts 9. 31.

Perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Cor. 7. 1.

If ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know, that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot. 1 Pet. 1. 17, 18, 19. see 1 Pet. 4. 1, 2.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 1 John 5. 3.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14. 23.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love: even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John 15. 10. see 1 John 2. 15, 16.

My

My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. John 4. 34.

We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5. 29.

He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. Matt. 10. 37. see Luke 14. 26.

c) In our being thankful unto him, because we receive so many benefits from his hands.

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5. 18.

Give thanks always for all things unto God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5. 20.

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col. 3. 17.

d) In putting our trust in him alone, and expecting all good from him. And therefore we ought to beware of the cares of this life, and of covetousness.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Rom. 8. 32.

Cast all your care upon him, for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5. 7. see Jer. 17. 5, 7. Psalm 37. 4, 5. Matt. 6. 25, 33, 34.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with the cares of this life. Luke 21. 34. see Matt. 13. 22.

Take

Take heed, and beware of covetouſneſs: for a man's life conſiſteth not in the abundance of the things which he poſſeſſeth. Luke 12. 15.

Let your converſation be without covetouſneſs; and be content with ſuch things as ye have: for he hath ſaid, I will never leave thee nor forſake thee. Heb. 13. 5.

Mortify your members, which are upon the earth, —covetouſneſs, which is idolatry. Col. 3. 5.

This ye know, that no covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Chriſt and of God. Eph. 5. 5.

Godlineſs with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich, fall into temptation and a ſnare, and into many fooliſh and hurtful luſts, which drown men in deſtruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil. 1 Tim. 6. 6—10.

e) In working diligently, according to God's ordinance, in confidence in him.

Study to be quiet, and to do your own buſineſs, and to work with your own hands; that ye may walk honeſtly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. 1 Theſſ. 4. 11, 12.

If any will not work, neither ſhall he eat. 2 Theſſ. 3. 10.

f) In calling upon him and continuing inſtant in prayer, and not doubting of our prayers being heard.

Aſk, and it ſhall be given you: ſeek, and ye ſhall find: knock, and it ſhall be opened unto you. Matt. 7. 7.

Continue

Continue instant in prayer. Rom. 12. 12. see Luke 18. 1—8. chap. 11. 5—13.

Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6. 18.

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess. 5. 17.

If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence towards God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him. 1 John 3. 21, 22. see 1 John 5. 14, 15.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14. 13. see John 15. 7. chap. 16. 23, 24.

If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 18. 19.

The Lord's prayer, which he taught his disciples. Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matt. 6. 9—13. Luke 11. 2—4.

g) In being willing to suffer for the name of Jesus, and confessing him before men. See Phil. 1. 29.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven. Matt. 5. 11—12. Luke 6. 22, 23.

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may

may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Pet. 4. 13. see ver. 14. see Rom. 8. 17. 2 Tim. 2. 11, 12. 1 Pet. 2. 19, 20, 21. Heb. 12. 1, 2. Acts 5. 41.

Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10. 32, 33. see Mark 8. 38.

B) Of Love to our Neighbour.

1. We ought to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matt. 22. 39.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Matt. 7. 12.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Gal. 5. 14.

2. Love to our neighbour comprehends in it,

a) The brotherly love which children of God owe to one another.

Add to godliness brotherly kindness. 2 Pet. 1. 7.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13. 34, 35. chap. 15. 12, 17. see Eph. 4. 3. Heb. 13. 1. 1 John 3. 16. Rom. 12. 10. 1 Thess. 4. 9, 10.

b) The universal love, which we owe unto all men, even our enemies.

Add

Add to brotherly kindneſs, charity (univerſal love). 2 Pet. 1. 7.

The Lord make you to increaſe and abound in love one towards another, and towards all men. 1 Theſſ. 3. 12. chap. 5. 15.

The parable of the compaſſionate Samaritan. Luke 10—37.

Love your enemies, bleſs them that curſe you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which deſpitefully uſe you and perſecute you. Matt. 5. 44. ſee Rom. 12. 20.

Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23. 34. ſee Acts 7. 60.

3. Love to our neighbour evidences itſelf,

a) In our praying for all men.

I exhort therefore that firſt of all, ſupplications, prayers, interceſſions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. 1 Tim. 2. 1.

b) In ſhining before our neighbour by a godly converſation.

Let your light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5. 16.

Having your converſation honeſt among the Gentiles: that whereas they ſpeak againſt you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they ſhall behold, glorify God. 1 Pet. 2. 12.

Give none offence, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. 1 Cor. 10. 32.

c) In endeavouring to live in peace with all men.

If

If it be poſſible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12. 18. ſee Heb. 12. 14.

Bleſſed are the peace-makers; for they ſhall be called the children of God. Matt. 5. 9.

d) In willingly ſerving our neighbour, and in aſſiſting and doing him good.

Let us do good unto all men, eſpecially unto them who are of the houſhold of faith. Gal. 6. 10.

As every man hath received the gift, even ſo miniſter the ſame one to another, as good ſtewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Pet. 4. 10.

Look not every man on his own things, but every man alſo on the things of others. Phil. 2. 4.

e) In being merciful and willing to give to him that needeth.

Be ye merciful, as your Father alſo is merciful. Luke 6. 36.

But whoſo hath this world's good, and ſeeth his brother have need, and ſhutteth up his bowels of compaſſion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3. 17. Prov. 19. 17. 1 Tim. 6. 17, 18, 19.

f) In being meek and lowly, ready to forgive, when we are injured, and in eſteeming others better than ourſelves.

Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart. Matt. 11. 29. ſee Phil. 2. 5.

Bleſſed are the meek. Matt. 5. 5.

In lowlineſs of mind let each eſteem other better than themſelves. Phil. 2. 3.

If ye forgive men their treſpaſſes, your heavenly Father will alſo forgive you. But if ye forgive not

men their treſpaſſes, neither will your Father forgive your treſpaſſes. Matt. 6. 14, 15.

Forgive one another, even as God for Chriſt's ſake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4. 32. ſee Col. 3. 12, 13.

g) In not injuring or hurting our neighbour.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour. Rom. 13. 10.

Thou ſhalt not kill. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery. Thou ſhalt not ſteal. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour. Thou ſhalt not covet. Exod. 20. 13—17. ſee Rom. 13. 8, 9.

Let him that ſtole, ſteal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Eph. 4. 28.

Speak not evil one of another. James 4. 11.

Lie not one to another. Col. 3. 9. ſee Eph. 4. 25. ſee Gal. 5. 19, 20, 21.

Of Magistrates and Subjects.

Render unto Ceſar, the things which are Ceſar's. Matt. 22. 21.

Let every ſoul be ſubject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whoſoever therefore reſiſteth the power, reſiſteth the ordinance of God: and they that reſiſt ſhall receive to themſelves damnation. Rom. 13. 1, 2, 3—7. ſee 1 Pet. 2. 13, 14, 17. Tit. 3. 1. 1 Tim. 2. 1, 2, 3.

Of

Of Married People.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled. Heb. 13. 4.

Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. Eph. v. 25.

Wives submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Eph. 5. 22, 23, 24. See 1 Pet. 3. 1, 2, 7. Col. 3. 18, 19.

Of Parents and Children.

Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6. 4. Col. 3. 21.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6. 1, 2, 3. See Col. 3. 20.

Jesus was subject unto his parents. Luke 2. 51.

Of Masters and Servants.

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that ye also have a master in heaven. Col. 4. 1.

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but

in ſingleneſs of heart, fearing God. Col. 3. 22, 23, 24. ſee 1 Pet. 2. 18. 1 Tim. 6. 1, 2.

Finally, brethren, whatſoever things are true, whatſoever things are honeſt, whatſoever things are juſt, whatſoever things are pure, whatſoever things are lovely, whatſoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praiſe, think on theſe things; and the God of peace ſhall be with you. Phil. 4. 8, 9. ſee Gal. 5. 22, 23.

The very God of peace ſanctify you wholly: and I God grant, your whole ſpirit, and ſoul, and body, be preſerved blameleſs unto the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. 1 Theſſ. 5. 23.

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